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POLY(HYDROXY) FATTY ACIDS IN
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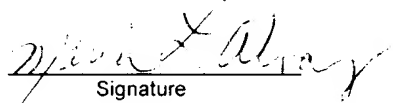
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Please, delete the original title and insert a title to read: --METHODS FOR PRODUCING POLY(HYDROXY) FATTY ACIDS IN BACTERIA--

At page 2, delete the first paragraph, and insert the following:

--This is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No. 09/420,119, filed

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